plants, DTC buses, burning of urban wastes by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, emission of gas by low industrial chimneys; and

(b) what remedial steps are being taken by Government?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) The total emission;? from the thermal power plams, vehicles and industrial chimneys in Delhi, in respect of particulate ma ter and sulphur dioxide are 250 tonr.es/day and IOI tonnes/day respectively.

(b) T!ie remedial steps taken include the following;

—Air pollution control ones have been notified;

—Emission standards in respect of polluting industries have been prescribed;

—Industrie^ are required to obtain consent for emissions under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981;

—Programme for vehicular exhaust control has been undertaken; and

—Action fnas been taken for com. missioning of high efficiency electrostatic precipitators in the thermal power plants.

New Industrial projects in the Seventh Plan

@112?. SHRIMATI KANAK MUERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ;d to state what are the particulars of the new industrial projects in the Central Sector State-wise included in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): A total outlay of Rs, 17263.13 crores has been provided for large and medium industries and minerals in the Central sector both ior continuing and new schemes in the Seventh Plan. Details of outlay under different Ministries are given in payes 196 to 199 of the Seventh Five Year Plan Document Vol. II. The Seventh Plan emphasises better utilisation of existing capacities, modernisation and expansion. New starts have been included only very selectively. The outlays for major new schemes, expansion and modifications are given in the stated. (See Appendix CXXXVII Annexure No. 13A]

Indo-US cooperation for computer Technology

@@H23. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the proposals regarding co-operation between United States and India in the area of advanced computer technolgy have been finalised;

(b) if not, what progress has so far been done in the matter and whether there are any difficulties in finalising the neeessary arrangements; and

(c) whether there are any other areas wherte transfer of high technology by United States to India is being considered; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Ytes, Sir, the proposals regarding the cooperation between United States and India in the area of advanced computer technology have been finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. Besides (a) certain other areas like process control instru-

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mentation where technology transfer agreements have been recently concluded; there are also other areas under consideration for transfer of high technology like, (earth stations, power electronic equipment and electronic components.

Escalation in costs in Major Public Sector Projects

@@@1124. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per reports which appeared in the Indian Express of February 3, 1986, twiSnty-three major public sector projects in the key sectors have shown alarming escalation in coste; and

(b) if so, what a're the details oi thesfe projects indicating the cost escalation involved and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A GHANI KHAN CHOUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of these projects are indicated in the enclosed Statement., *[See* Appendix CXXXVH Annexure No. 14].

Crash of an IAF helicopter

1125. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four Indian Air Force personnel, including two pilots, were killed in an helicopter crash somewhere in the Eastern Sector during the last week of Dteoember, 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard stating the result of the inquiry, if any, conducted into thje mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRl ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Inquiry has been ordered to investigate into the causes of 'he accident. Thfe precise cause of the accident would only be known after the enquiry is completed. However, its findings would not be disclosed in tha public interest.

Testing: of hydrogen bomb by U.S.

1126. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS b_e pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware *ot* the hydrogen bomb test conducten by the U.S. in the last week of December, 1985 at the Nevada test blast site which is stated to be 10 times more powerful than the exploison which destroyed Hiroshima; and

(b) if so, what i_s the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir. Government have seen press reports about such a test conducted by the U.S.

(b) Government of India are strongly opposed to all testing of nuclear weapons. They are of the view tbat a cessation of testing of nuclear weapons would be an important first step in the direction of reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons. This position of the Goverment of India has been put forward forcefully both in bilateral discussions with nuclear weapon States as well as in various multilateral forums.

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